THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) As a part of the Marketing Agreement between IOCL, BPCL, HPCL and IBP for a period of two years from 01-04-02, the pipeline freight rate for diesel and petrol in respect of pipelines commissioned before 01-04-98 is 75% of the rail freight for pipeline distance and in respect of pipelines commissioned after 01-04-98 is 90% of the rail freight for pipeline distance.

The pipeline freight rate for the GAIL's Jamnagar Loni LPG pipeline is Rs. 1.33/Km/MT (Metric Tonne) as agreed between GAIL and oil marketing companies. The pipeline freight for crude oil varies from pipeline to pipeline as may be agreed upon between the contracting parties.

Transportation of petroleum products through pipeline

†2051. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pipelines are being laid for transportation of crude oil, petrol, gas and diesel etc. in the country;

(b) if so, the total length of pipelines laid till October, 2002; and

(c) the length of the pipelines out of the above through which transportation of petroleum products has already been started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is given below:—

	Total length of pipeline laid till October 2002 (in kilometers)	Total length of pipelines commissioned till October 2002 (in kilometers)
(i) Product pipeline	5824	5601
(ii) Crude Oil pipeline	2824	2824
(iii) Gas pipeline	4509	4509
(iv) LPG pipeline	1233	1233

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.